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AVAILABLE:

As a service, my office maintains a collection of useful publications that may be of interest to you and your students. Please fill out the following form and indicate how many copies you need. Copies will be mailed or delivered to your school. Please limit to one type of booklet per classroom (per student).

Junior High School and Up

- Michigan Constitution
- Movin' On: Rights and Responsibilities of Young Adults
- The Legislative Process in Michigan: A Student's Guide
- State of Michigan Road Map

K- 5th Grade

- Child Safety Coloring Book
- Getting to Know Michigan: A Coloring Book

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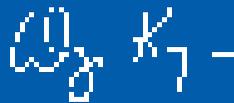
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Dear Educator:

As fall approaches and the beginning of another school year is upon us, I wanted to share with you some of the services our office can provide that you may find useful. In this brochure you will have the opportunity to order free government-related learning booklets that many teachers have found helpful in relation to their lesson plans. I have also included a survey so that I can solicit feedback regarding several issues that are currently being considered by the Senate Education Committee.

Finally, I wanted to let you know that I am available to come and speak or read to your class should you extend the invitation. I have had the pleasure of speaking to many of your classes in the district or when you come to visit the Capitol and I am grateful for the opportunity. Please accept my sincere gratitude for the service you provide to our community. I realize that the work you do is challenging and often goes unappreciated, but there are few jobs that touch as many lives in a positive way as the teaching profession. Best wishes for a successful school year and I look forward to meeting many of you.

Sincerely,



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Survey...your feedback is important!

As an educator, you are in the trenches every day working hard to provide a quality education for the children in our community. Feedback from your experience in the classroom provides a valuable learning tool for me and my colleagues. I would greatly appreciate your taking a few minutes to fill out this survey so that I can better understand your position regarding education policy issues that come before the legislature.

1. Are you in favor of switching from a current high school MEAP test to a combination of a college admissions exam, a workplace readiness test and a social studies component? Yes No

2. Would you be in favor of moving your health benefits to a statewide plan if you could retain the same level of benefits and save your school district money? Yes No

3. Would you like to eventually have your students be able to take state assessments on-line? Yes No

4. If you are a veteran teacher (having taught for 10 or more years), would you be in favor of not being required to have as many professional development days? Yes No

5. If you are a new teacher (having taught less than 10 years), would you be in favor of being allowed to have more professional development days than you currently have? Yes No

6. *(For middle school teachers in math or science):* Studies show that U.S. students often do not perform as well in math and science as those in other countries. This is because math and science curricula in these grades seem to be "a mile wide and an inch deep" in the U.S., rather than focusing on fewer concepts and teaching these more in depth. Do you feel that the MEAP currently covers too many concepts, thus forcing you to cover them all in order for your students to perform well? Yes No
Comment _____

7. What are you most frustrated about in your job?

8. What do you feel most adamant about that should not be changed with regard to your job?

9. What would you like to see the Senate working on *(with the funds that are currently available)*?

10. What state law(s), if waived, would allow your students to reach higher achievement levels?

11. Please number the following factors 1-5 as to what factor would be the most influential in convincing you to teach in an at-risk school?
_____ Good salary
_____ Good administrator support system
_____ High achieving school
_____ Better benefits
_____ Other

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